



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
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Via Electronic Mail: foia@americanoversight.org

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is our final response to your December 5, 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, request to the Department of the Treasury. You are seeking records with the potential to shed light on how the Federal Government has responded to the reported murder of journalist, Jamal Khashoggi. Specifically, you are seeking all records reflecting communications (including email messages, attachments, calendar invites/meetings) between (1) political appointees in the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury or political appointees or career Senior Executive Service members in the Office of Foreign Assets Control and (2) 25 specified individuals or entities. The time frame for your request is October 2, 2018 through the day the search for records was initiated.

In addition to the records described above, you also seek records describing the processing of this request, including records sufficient to identify search terms used and locations and custodians searched and any tracking sheets used to track the processing of this request.

The time frame for your request is October 2, 2018 through the day the search for records was initiated. Treasury referred your request to the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) for processing on December 19, 2019.

OFAC is experiencing a substantial backlog of FOIA requests that has adversely affected its response time.

OFAC has searched its files for records responsive to your request. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate any responsive records.

With regard to your request for OFAC's processing documents, you are seeking records that did not exist at the time we received your request and tasked our search for responsive records. The FOIA does not apply to records that have not yet been created at the time the search is tasked.

Please note that this final response pertains to OFAC only. If your request has been assigned to other Treasury components, they will respond to you directly.

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You may appeal OFAC's final determination, in writing, within 90 days after the date of this letter to the FOIA Appeal, FOIA and Transparency, Privacy, Transparency, and Records, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20220. The deciding official for OFAC appeals is the Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control. Please include a copy of this letter with your letter of appeal and reference FOIA #2018-12-023 in future correspondence.

You may seek dispute resolution services from Treasury's FOIA Public Liaison by contacting Paul Levitan, Director, FOIA and Transparency at 202-622-8098 or FOIAPL@treasury.gov.

The Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may email them at ogis@nara.gov or call 1-877-684-6448.

If you need to contact our office about this matter, you may send an email to our office at OFACFOIAOffice@treasury.gov or call our FOIA Requester Service Center at (202) 622-2500, option 3 and leave a detailed message. Please reference FOIA #2018-12-023.

Sincerely,

**Marshall H.
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Office of Sanctions Support and Operations

Office of Foreign Assets Control

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Enclosure: Administrative Appeal and Dispute Resolution Sheet

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION SHEET

ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL RIGHTS

You may file an appeal with the Department of the Treasury when:

- Access to records has been denied in part or in whole;
- There has been an adverse determination of your requester category;
- Your request for fee waiver or reduction has been denied;
- It has been determined that no responsive records exist; or
- Your request for expedited processing has been denied.

Your appeal, other than an appeal of a denial for expedited processing, must be submitted within 90 days after (1) the date of the initial determination, or (2) the date of the letter transmitting the last records released, whichever is later, except in the case of a denial of expedited processing. An appeal of a denial for expedited processing must be made within 10 days of the date of the initial determination to deny expedited processing. The appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and contain the following information:

- Your name and address;
- Date of your initial request;
- Date of the letter denying your request;
- Description of why you believe the initial determination was in error; and
- The FOIA/PA number assigned to your request.

Please mail your appeal to: FOIA Appeal
FOIA and Transparency
Privacy, Transparency, and Records
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

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DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES

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